

HOUSE BILL 1612

By Staples

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38
and Title 39, Chapter 13, relative to drones.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-609(d)(2), is amended by
adding the following as new subdivisions:

(H) To provide aerial coverage when deployed for the purpose of providing or
enhancing security for an event open to the public and where attendance is expected to
exceed one hundred (100) persons, including, but not limited to, music concerts, athletic
events, festivals, fairs, and other outdoor events; or

(I) To investigate the scene of a crime that is occurring or has occurred;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-609, is amended by adding
the following as a new subsection:

(g) Notwithstanding subsection (e), video collected or obtained by use of a drone
pursuant to subdivision (d)(2)(H) must:

(1) Be made publicly available for viewing via the internet within one (1)
day of collection of the video; and

(2) Be deleted within three (3) days of collection of the video unless the
video is directly relevant to both the lawful reason the drone was being used and
to an ongoing investigation or criminal prosecution. If the evidence, information,
or other data collected or obtained is directly relevant to both, the video must be
retained and deleted by the collecting law enforcement agency in accordance
with the same criteria, policies, and procedures used by the agency for evidence
collected by methods other than a drone.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.